



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Emergency Certification Form

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. Emergency Information

Important:
When filling out
forms on the
computer, use
only the tab
key to move
your cursor -
do not use the
return key.



Issuance From: _____
Issuing Authority

1. Site Location: _____

2. Reason for Emergency: _____

3. Public agency to perform work or public agency ordering the work to be performed: _____

4. Date of Site Visit: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date*: _____

* no later than 30 days from start date or 60 days in the
case of an Immediate Response Action approved by
DEP to address an oil/hazardous material release.

5. Work to be allowed*: _____

* May not include work beyond that necessary to abate the emergency.

B. Signatures

Certified to be an Emergency by this Issuing Authority.

Signatures:

Chairman (or designee) _____ Date _____

A copy of this form must be provided to the appropriate DEP Regional Office.



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C. General Conditions

1. Failure to comply with all conditions stated herein, and with all related statutes and other regulatory measures, shall be deemed cause to revoke or modify this Emergency Certification or subject to enforcement action.
2. This Emergency Certification does not grant any property rights or any exclusive privileges; it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of property rights.
3. This Emergency Certification does not relieve the applicant or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.
4. Any work conducted beyond that described above, and any work conducted beyond that necessary to abate the emergency, shall require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
5. The Agent or members of the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection shall have the right to enter and inspect the area subject to this Emergency Certification at reasonable hours to evaluate compliance with this Certification, and may require the submittal of any data deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission or the Department for that evaluation.
6. This Emergency Certification shall apply to any contractor or any other person performing work authorized under this Certification.
7. No work may be authorized beyond 30 days from the date of this certification without extension by the Issuing Authority.

D. Special Conditions

E. Appeals

The Department may, on its own motion or at the request of any person, review: an emergency certification issued by a conservation commission and any work permitted thereunder; a denial by a conservation commission of a request for emergency certification; or the failure by a conservation commission to act within 24 hours of a request for emergency certification. Such review shall not operate to stay the work permitted by the emergency certification unless the Department specifically so orders. The Department's review shall be conducted within seven days of: issuance by a conservation commission of the emergency certification; denial by a conservation commission of the emergency certification; or failure by a conservation commission to act within 24 hours of a request for emergency certification. If certification was improperly granted, or the work allowed thereunder is excessive or not required to protect the health and safety of citizens of the Commonwealth, the Department may revoke the emergency certification, condition the work permitted thereunder, or take such other action as it deems appropriate.